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It is related that once upon a time a man lived in a very leaky house, and a neighbor happening in for refuge while it was raining, asked why he did not repair it, his prompt reply was, that he could not do it while it was raining. His neighbor suggesting he could do so when the weather was dry, he replied with emphasis, why should I—then it does not leak.

This is evidently the view taken by the school authorities of the situation at the public school grounds here. While it is wet they cannot drain the beautiful lake and canal, when it is dry there is no necessity to do it. This reasoning is vastly to be admired, and we suppose since it has held good for so many years it ought to hold good for many yet to come. A correspondent, "Adam," once wrote that we were "a people walking backward." The condition of the public school grounds goes to prove a section of our people are standing still. If this section were "walking backward," or with their evident blindness even walking forward, should they ever get near that school house after a hard rain they would have a fine chance of a wet jacket or a mud bath. Surely they should stand still if ever they venture near there—only so can they carry out the "law of self preservation."

We commend the matter to the thoughtful consideration of those gentlemen in whose hands it rests.—yea, so sweetly rests.

The House Committee on Ventilation and Acoustics has unanimously reported a bill appropriating \$75,000 to build "an air ship to convey passengers through the air and for other purposes," on the plans of A. De Bausset. The ship will consist essentially of a monster steel cigar-shaped cylinder 600 feet long, by 125 feet diameter, air tight from which the air contained, of greater weight than the cylinder itself, will be pumped and the ship will then rise with its burden of passengers and freight and be driven by propellers beating the air. The plan is thought by scientists to be perfectly feasible. The French Government is already assisting M. Joris in a balloon venture to cross the Atlantic.

It is to be hoped the House will act favorably, the Senate pass, and the President approve the bill. When Morse came forward with his invention of the Telegraph he had no means to develop it, nor could he find men who had, willing to venture. The Government very properly stepped forward and the lightning became a messenger boy for the world. Let now the Government rise to the importance of this project and bring into subjection the air we breathe for trade and pleasure. It is not a mere question of possibilities, but of scientific truths waiting to be proven by actual tests. We have the clear idea given—let our splendid mechanics—such as the Crumps for instance—develop it into a moving reality. The Government is abundantly able to afford it out of its surplus. It will be a contribution to science worthy a place by that of Morse.

They are telling a queer story on Delegate William Smith, chairman of the Knox county delegation to the State Convention, Tennessee. Smith went to church, modestly took a rear pew and seated himself for a session of religious inspiration. His hard work in the convention for the past four days told on him and he began to doze. The preacher was telling of the great men of Tennessee, and finally reached John Knox, once Governor of the State. As he pronounced "Knox" Delegate Smith was aroused, and rising from his seat, shouted in stentorian tones, "Thirty-five votes for Robert L. Taylor!" The congregation took in the situation and an audible titter went through the church, during which the delegate escaped.

As expected the Republican Convention at Petersburg broke in two pieces. Wise, with the opponents of unit rule and Mahoneism, withdrawing and forming a new convention. Col. E. D. Houston, of Roanoke, was made chairman of the Wise wing of the party. The Mahone convention appointed as delegates at large: Gen. Wm. Mahone, I. G. Watts, S. Brown Allen, and A. H. Harris; electors at large, Col. Wm. Lamb, and F. S. Blair, and O. D. Foster delegate from the 1st district. The Wise convention named for delegates at large: Sam. Tost, C. A. Heerman, R. A. Paul, and V. D. Groner; electors at large, Gov. Wm. E. Cameron and Hon. John F. Lewis.

Lord Walsley said in the House of Lords he believed that 100,000 men were landed in England and properly handled they could capture the country.

Over 900,000 acres of land in the Mississippi Valley are under water from the breaking of levees. The last inundation was in 1881.

Chicago has had seven of the National Conventions of the two great political parties, Cincinnati 1, Philadelphia 2 and St. Louis 2. New York, Baltimore and Charleston have had 1 each.

An Explanation.
What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word malaria was comparatively unknown—to day it is as common as any word in the English language, yet this word covers only the meaning of another word used by our forefathers in times past. So it is with nervous diseases, as they and malaria are intended to cover what our grand fathers called biliousness, and all are caused by troubles that arise from a diseased condition of the liver which in performing its functions finding it cannot dispose of the bile through the ordinary channel is compelled to pass it off through the system, causing nervous troubles, malaria, bilious fever, etc.—You who are suffering can well appreciate a cure. We recommend Green's August Flower. Its cures are marvelous.

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Attorney for the owners.
Accomac C. H., Va., May 26, '88.

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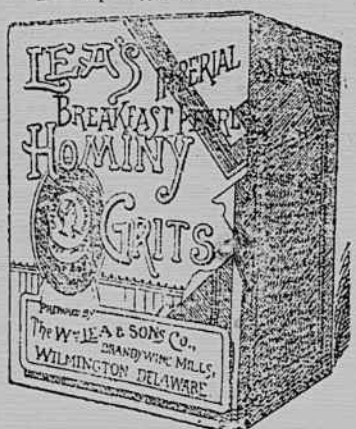
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Pursuant to a decree of the circuit court for the county of Accomac, entered April 13th, 1888, the undersigned special commissioners in ex parte Petition of Asa J. Cockett, any others, trustees of Ocean Lodge, No. 116, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will proceed to sell at public auction on Monday, May 28th, 1888, (Court-day,) at 2 o'clock p. m., at Accomac Court House, the following property, viz: A certain lot or parcel of land with appurtenances, located in Drummondtown, which was conveyed by deed from the late Dr. William R. Parramore to Benjamin T. Gunter and others, trustees for Ocean Lodge No. 116, A. F. and A. M., bearing date October —, A. D. 1872, and bounded by the county road or street and the lands of William P. Bell, and belonging to said Ocean Lodge No. 116. Said lot or parcel of land contains about twenty-one hundred square feet, and is improved by a two story frame building 26 by 44 feet in good repair, known as "Masonic Hall."

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1.—Twenty five per centum of the purchase money must be paid in cash on the day of sale, with liberty to the purchaser to pay as much more as he may elect.

2.—The balance of the purchase money not paid on day of sale will be divided into two equal installments, payable respectively in six and twelve months after date, for each of which the purchaser will be required to give his bond, payable to said special commissioners.

3.—The title to the property will be retained as security till the whole of the purchase money is paid; the purchaser to keep the building insured in some reliable insurance company.

4.—The premises will be at the risk of the purchaser from the time the same are bid off.

5.—Upon complying with the terms the purchaser will be let into possession on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1889.

Upon payment of the whole of the purchase money, conveyance by deed with special warranty of title will be decreed the purchaser by the court, if sale is confirmed, but the cost of such conveyance is to be borne by the purchaser.

THOMAS O. KELLAM,
JOHN D. GRANT
Special Commissioners.

The above named special commissioners have, before me in my office, executed the bond required of them by the decree referred to in the foregoing notice, with sureties deemed sufficient.

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